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DIVIDED OPINIONS ON
U BOAT WAR.(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
AMSTERDAM, TUESDAY.

The Vienna *Freundenspiegel* writes:—From the statements made yesterday by Count Tisza that a U boat had been sunk, it is clearly deduced that the sharpened U boat was only the deployment of the means of self-defence, hence peace is not.

Count Tisza's observations do not appear to have been received here.

A Budapest telegram, evidently referring to the same speech, says:—After Count Tisza's speech, Count Apponyi, Independent Party, pointed out that the reply to the peace offer of the Central Powers was to be given by the Hungarian Government, and that the decision as to whether to accept the dissolution of Hungary, he continued—So long as a Hungarian is living, there can be no question of such a peace.

The greater the energy the better the prospect of bringing back our enemies from the war, and the more we shall be able to make the conclusion of peace possible. Count Apponyi took note of the Prime Minister's statement that the U-boat was expressing the hope that it would be successful.

Count Andrássy said:—It is just because human feelings revolt against the prolongation of the war, that we are longing for peace, and we are carrying on the fight with the most extreme energy. In the negotiations for a restriction of submarine war Germany emphasized that she was not a party to the war, and that the protection of mankind against the war methods of Great Britain, which violated international law. She should be approached in order to receive the freedom of action. In this expectation Germany has been disappointed.

America does not wish to Great Britain's success, and as far as Germany's war of action, announced beforehand, is fully justified. We hope that the brave sailors of Germany and the Austro-Hungarian will enforce a victorious peace. The speaker took cognizance of the Premier's speech.

After Count Andrássy's speech, Count Michael Károlyi, Minister of War, said:—We will support the unrestricted submarine warfare. He would deeply regret if war should break out between the Central Powers and America, and he pointed out that the Central Powers and Hungary were living in America. Their fate, in case of war, might be serious. He regretted unrestricted submarine warfare, not only from a human standpoint, but also from a political standpoint, because his aim was to strive for a world peace.

Mr. Rakovszky, Clerical People's Party, said that he could not share Count Károlyi's standpoint.

SWITZERLAND'S
DECISION.
NO BREACH OF NEUTRALITY(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
WASHINGTON, TUESDAY.

Information has been received here that Switzerland will not adopt President Wilson's suggestion that other neutrals should follow the example of the United States and break off diplomatic relations with Germany.

BERNE, MONDAY.

The Swiss newspaper commenting upon President Wilson's suggestion, with Germany, generally, that Switzerland's situation is totally different from that of America, and that the Federal Council ought to pass in its favor a law of strict neutrality, the basis of Swiss policy.

The *Journal de Genève* writes:—Switzerland is bound to remain a neutral party. Its strict neutrality does not depend upon formal treaties, it does not know. It, therefore, cannot be admitted that Switzerland should follow Dr. Wilson's suggestion, and that Switzerland, and, without any direct provocation, sever relations with Germany. The engagements which Switzerland has in due course with the numerous international entities which it represents, the clearly expressed desire of the Swiss people, and the decided pronouncements of Germany and Austria, which are all the more reason for the Federal Council not to endorse President Wilson's views. However, the Swiss Government, which should not make a very energetic protest at Berlin and Vienna against the steps which are threatened against neutral commerce, and there is no reason for the Federal Council to make its voice heard.

The Federal Council, however, is convinced that the Federal Council will not be compelled to change its strict neutrality, which is a fundamental principle of Swiss policy. It also is of opinion that Switzerland's position is quite different from that of the United States.

The *Basler Nachrichten* says:—President Wilson's reference to other neutrals can only be explained by factors which have hitherto inspired our neutrality, from which we should only emerge if our territorial integrity or national independence were threatened.

The *Basler Zeitung* says:—The Swiss people are unanimous in their desire to maintain strict neutrality.

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